

"INDEPENDENCE OR DEATH."

Cubans Firmly Determined to Carry Out Their Programme.

Will Not Accept Autonomy or Even Discuss the Subject.

Proclamation Issued to the People of the United States by Tomas Estrada Palma, President of the Cuban Junta at New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The following proclamation to the people of the United States was issued by Tomas Estrada Palma at the office of the Cuban Junta to-night:

"To the American People: The frequency with which there has lately appeared in the public press suggestions made by malicious or misinformed individuals that Cuba would accept or could be forced to accept autonomy, or anything short of independence, has impelled us to make a definite and final statement on this subject.

"From the first our motto has been 'Independence or Death.' We are now more firmly than ever determined to carry out our programme. As we will not accept, we will not even discuss the propositions of autonomy. After three years of the most sanguinary and uncivilized warfare of modern times, carried on by Spain, we are stronger than ever. It is in vain that she would satisfy us, not for others. Our ideas and our national honor we can confide to the keeping of ourselves alone.

"I cannot think that the American people have forgotten the principle laid down in their own Declaration of Independence. We believe that any true American can be found who would advise us to forsake the idea of a republican form of government for the monarchical, even in its most liberal form.

"There is no way to compel the Cubans to accept autonomy, except by force of arms. We have fought three years, not against Spain alone, but against the whole world. Not a helping hand was extended to us; no country gave us equal rights with Spain. The right to arm our people by purchasing weapons in this country and transporting them to Cuba is admitted, but although engaged in lawful traffic we had to run the blockade to get from these shores, and again run the gantlet in Cuba.

"Our ships and cargoes were seized, subjected to delay, but invariably restored by the slow and costly process of the law. Nevertheless, we never faltered. We always appreciated the fact that the sympathy of the Administration was with us.

"Spain has proven impotent to compel us by force to accept autonomy. She now desires the aid of the United States to compel us to accept. I cannot believe that the American people would ever lend itself to the most treacherous and blood-stained monarchy of history for such a purpose. Should such prove to be the case, however, I declare in the name of the Cuban people in arms, that force alone can compel our submission. We, who have seen hundreds of thousands of our race and families exterminated by slow starvation by a cowardly decree of the most inhuman commander of sanguinary Spain, will fight against anything but independence, no matter who opposes us.

"But if, unfortunately, this incredible proposal be carried into effect, and American bayonets arrayed against us in our struggle for freedom and in aid of the Spanish monarchy, we will fight on, saddy but determined, and let history judge whether the vanquished had a purer idea of free institutions than the victors. In such case we will be exterminated, but future generations will gain take up our flag and aspirations, and Cuba will yet be free. Nor will we ever agree to a truce until our independence is restored. We will continue to fight, as did the Americans under Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, even after the treaty of peace is signed, if it should be necessary.

"The Cubans cannot be convinced that the United States will ever try to force us to remain in the Spanish flag, but I have deemed it my duty to appeal to the generosity, the sympathy and the patriotism of the American people, to the end that they may understand the justice and firmness of our demand for complete independence.

"TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

COURT OF INQUIRY. Admiral Seward Unable to State When the Report Will Be Ready.

KEY WEST (Fla.), March 17.—No member of the court of inquiry came ashore from the Iowa to-day, and it was impossible to learn on board of the battleship what, if anything, had been done. At a late hour to-night the correspondent of the Associated Press ascertained from Admiral Seward the status of the investigation. Admiral Seward said:

"It is impossible at this stage to say how soon the court will be ready to make the report. The members are continuing their labors. When they are ready to re-examine the officers of the Maine, whom I have detained here, they will either do so in the Federal building or summon them to the Iowa.

"The court's report has not yet been made, and I am unable to say when it will be made. The notion that it would be in Washington by Saturday probably was based purely on inference.

"There is good authority for the assertion that the court probably will return to Havana before reaching its conclusions.

BLOWN UP FROM OUTSIDE. BOSETON, March 17.—A special to the "Globe" from Key West by A. Maurice Low says:

"It is learned to-night that a special report of the work of the court of inquiry has been sent to Washington. This is not the report and the findings of the court, which have not been agreed upon, but it is in the nature of a communication for the use of the President, which he may or may not make public, as he sees fit. In any event, it will prepare the President for what the board will report, and enable him to take measures accordingly. The court will find that the Maine was blown up from the outside.

NEW WAR VESSELS.

The House Naval Committee Provides Twelve More Sea Fighters.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs has disposed of the question of increases in the vessels of the navy, unless there is some change of disposition among the members. The committee, by unanimous vote, adopted the motion of Foss of Illinois to authorize the construction of the new torpedo boats and six new torpedo boat destroyers, and the provision for this has been incorporated in the naval bill.

It has not been decided what appropriation will be made for this purpose. It is said to be likely that the torpedo boats will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 each, though it is possible the sum given may exceed that. A member of the committee stated that the torpedo boat destroyers may cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 each.

There has been no conclusion as to the amount to be given for the construction of five new drydocks, about which, however, it is significant as showing economy that all of them except that at Algiers is to be built of timber.

It is now improbable that the bill will be in shape for report to the House before Saturday or Monday next.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

The Fight Between "Kid" Lavigne and Jack Daly.

CLEVELAND, March 17.—The twenty round go between "Kid" Lavigne and Jack Daly for the lightweight championship of the world at the Central Armory to-night resulted in a draw. The fighting was fast and furious from the start, but the contestants were so evenly matched that neither could gain an advantage over the other sufficient to get a decision in his favor.

The armory in which the fight occurred was crowded to its utmost capacity. Tickets could not be had after 7 o'clock, though offers of \$15 and \$20 for seats were freely made. The spectators included sporting men from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Detroit, Buffalo and other cities, and none of them were disappointed in the exhibition.

Kid McCoy was the referee, and his decision gave excellent satisfaction, notwithstanding the fact that the partisans of Lavigne tried to influence the contest in his favor.

BARRY DEFEATS CONNORS.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Jimmy Barry of Chicago defeated Johnny Connors of Springfield, Ill., in a six-round contest at Tattersall's to-night before a crowd of 7,000 people. Both men weighed close to 110, Connors put up a game fight, but was never in it at any stage, and Barry battered him around the ring in the last three rounds. When the gong sounded for the end of limit he was hardly able to keep his feet.

The fight between Jack Everhardt of New Orleans and McGlynn of Philadelphia was stopped by the police after five rounds, and Everhardt was given the decision. He had all the best of it after the first round, and when the police interfered McGlynn was hardly able to stand.

George Kerwin and Otto Siefelt fought a six-round draw.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS.

Ply Their Vocation With Success in Missouri and Kansas.

ST. LOUIS (Mo.), March 17.—Postoffice Inspector Dice to-day received details of the robbery of the Postoffice at Boonesboro, Mo., last night by burglars, who blew the safe open, took several hundred dollars in cash and money, and then set fire to the building. W. W. Whyte, the Postmaster, was nearly burned to death.

Three strange men, ostensibly stock buyers from Glasgow, Mo., are suspected, and inspectors have been sent out to look them up.

A report was received later that the Postoffice at Cuba, Kansas, was entered, the safe blown open, and stamps and money stolen. Three suspects have been arrested.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Mexican Fatally and a White Man Seriously Wounded.

JEROME (Ariz.), March 17.—A shooting affray occurred about midnight last night, in which a Mexican, Francisco Jurado, was fatally wounded in the abdomen, while a miner named Fred Starke received a bullet through the leg. Jurado is a tough character, and has figured in numerous affrays in a short time. Starke is a peaceable, quiet man. The Mexican was the aggressor. Several shots were fired in front of the Fashion saloon, on Main street. After the shooting, Jurado tried to get away, but it is said he will die. Starke is now in the hospital.

TERRIFIC STORM.

The Schooner Rival Encounters Severe Weather.

SEATTLE, March 17.—The steam schooner Rival arrived to-day from Copper River, Alaska. The Rival encountered a terrible storm on the way down, and was forced to put into Yukon Bay for three days. Out of the 1,000 prospectors that have been landed at aldez, 850 have started into the interior. The remainder were camped on the ice at Valdez.

The Rival reports having spoken the schooner Moonlight, northbound, with all well on board. The schooner General Siglin has arrived out safely, discharged, and is now returning.

Nothing was seen of the brigantine Blakeley or her consort which left here some weeks ago for Copper River ports.

Withdrew His Resignation. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Colonel Seldon S. Wright, commanding the Sixth Regiment, N. G. C., has withdrawn his resignation from the office of the Adjutant-General at Sacramento. The resignation of Colonel Wright was tendered last January on his departure to go to Klondike with a party from Fresno. Since the Maine disaster has developed a warlike sentiment throughout the country, the Colonel has decided to remain at the head of his command.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT OAKLAND.

J. N. Moffet Shoots and Instantly Kills His Wife, Then Makes an Unsuccessful Attempt to End His Own Life.

St. Helena Thrown Into a Fever of Excitement Over the Murder of Victorieux Sassel by Julius Bohn and the Suicide of the Latter on the Road Leading From That Town to Napa City.

OAKLAND, March 17.—J. N. Moffet shot and killed his wife, Lucy, early this morning, and then attempted to commit suicide by turning the weapon with which he committed the murder upon himself.

Moffet was formerly President of the Carpenters' Union in this city, and fairly prosperous, but for some time past has been out of work and dependent upon his wife, who also supported her widowed daughter and two children, by dressmaking.

The quietest resided in a comfortable cottage at 370 San Pablo avenue, upon which there was a mortgage for \$700. The mortgage was held by his wife about the payments upon this mortgage, but when the family retired there were no indications of further trouble.

At 7 o'clock this morning Mrs. Moffet, who had been sleeping with her daughter, arose and went out to the wash shed in the rear of the cottage for some kindling. While she was gathering the wood Moffet followed her, and upon reaching the shed produced a pistol and shot her in the left breast and again in the chest, and then fired a warning. The first shot pierced the woman's heart, and she fell dead at her husband's feet, and after firing the second shot Moffet turned the weapon upon himself, the bullet entering his throat and emerging from his forehead. He was removed to the Receiving Hospital in an unconscious condition, but his injury is not considered a fatal one by the physicians.

NAPA COUNTY'S TRAGEDY. ST. HELENA, March 17.—St. Helena has again been thrown into a fever of excitement by a murder, hardly less sensational than that of the Clark fratricide. The victim is Miss Victorieux Sassel, and her murderer, Julius Bohn, ended his own life a moment after he fired the bullet into the head of the girl. The tragedy, as stated in yesterday's dispatch, occurred on the road between here and Napa.

Bohn and Miss Sassel had for some time been engaged to be married, but the family of Miss Sassel was well-to-do, while Bohn was only a laborer in the employ of S. Sievers & Co., wine merchants. Bohn was anxious to be married at once, but the girl, believing he was yet unable to support her in the style to which she was accustomed, refused to consent to his wish, although being willing to maintain the engagement.

Yesterday Bohn received \$200 from his parents to enable him to marry, and last evening drove out to the Sassel place in Chiles Valley. Learning that his bride had driven into St. Helena, ten miles distant, he followed her. Bohn said he would go to meet them. When near St. Helena he encountered them driving homeward, and invited the girl to enter his conveyance. She declined the invitation. She continued her refusal, despite much urging, until her father joined his entreaty to that of her lover.

"It will be all right, Victorieux," said her father, and the girl reluctantly made the change.

As soon as Miss Sassel seated in Bohn's buggy, but he urged his horse, and was soon off with her. Sassel, half an hour later Sassel found lying in the middle of the road the dead body of Julius Bohn. Fearing danger to his daughter, he hurried on, but when he reached home he found Victorieux dead, with a bullet hole in her temple. He was driving the body of the girl, whose dress had caught on the step of the buggy.

It is supposed that Bohn renewed his request for an early marriage, and that Miss Sassel again refusing, he shot her first, and then himself.

TRIAL OF CLARK.

Letters Exonerating the Defendant Claimed to be Forgeries.

NAPA, March 17.—When the Clark trial was resumed to-day, R. L. Spur, a Constable at St. Helena, Peter S. York, a barkeeper; Dr. McCurdy, a physician; G. W. Smith, a merchant, and H. Schwarz, a hardware dealer of Napa, and Sheriff George S. McKenzie testified to various matters already before the court, and the things found upon the person of the defendant, the accused at St. Helena. The defendant looks jaded, but is still as uninterested and stoical as before.

During his examination Sheriff McKenzie produced several papers which he had found in the rooms of G. W. Clark and the late W. A. Clark. Three of them proved to be receipts signed by W. A. Clark, which were introduced to be compared later with the document introduced yesterday by J. G. Johnson, purporting to be a copy of the letter written by the murdered man exonerating G. W. Clark from all possible blame as to the poisoning, and indicating his probable death by his own hand, the original of which McKenzie produced.

The prosecution claimed that both letters were forgeries. The cross-examination by the defense was very critical and exhaustive. Professor H. L. Gun, President of the Napa Business College, went on the stand, and after an examination of the documents, gave his opinion that the same person wrote the statement and copy, and that neither had been written by the deceased.

The introduction of this testimony was strongly resisted by the attorneys for the defense.

HOFF MURDER TRIAL.

Testimony Connecting the Accused With the Killing of Mrs. Clute.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—In the Hoff murder trial to-day Mrs. S. R. Blanchard, lessee of the house in which the crime was committed, testified to the effect that the coupling pin with which Mrs. Mary Clute was killed was

found by her in a front room concealed behind a door. She was positive it could not have been there on the day before the tragedy.

A number of other witnesses testified along the same lines as at the Coroner's inquest and the preliminary examination. Several had seen Hoff in the house a few minutes prior to the murder.

The hearing of the complaint proceedings against 22 attorneys, Raymond and McIntosh was concluded to-day, but Judge Cook's decision was reserved.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM.

The January Statement Shows an Increase in Earnings.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The "Examiner" says: A statement of the earnings of the Southern Pacific Company for January last and for the first seven months of the fiscal year has just been issued. The gross earnings of the company for January last were \$4,307,779, or \$28,222 in excess of the corresponding month of 1897. The net earnings in January were \$1,496,595, or an increase of \$433,272 over January, 1897.

The gross earnings for the seven months ending with January 31st last were \$28,222,222, or an increase of \$3,117,882 over the first seven months of the fiscal year ending with June 30, 1897. The increase in gross earnings is \$2,720,330. The net earnings for the seven months were \$10,512,519, or an increase of \$2,009,074 over the same period of the last fiscal year.

The major portion of the increase in earnings came from local business in California.

CHINESE BOYCOTT.

Will Soon Become a Matter of Diplomatic Investigation.

SALT LAKE (Utah), March 17.—A special to the "Tribune" from Butte, Mont., says: The boycott of the Chinese in Butte by the labor unions of the city during the last two years, and now a matter of investigation by Judge Butte of the United States Court, will soon become a matter of diplomatic investigation by the Chinese Government. This has been determined upon by Colonel W. S. Saunders and his associate counsel for the Chinese.

The proposition of demanding reparation from the United States Government of the financial interests to the Chinese as a result of the boycott has been under serious discussion by the attorneys for the complainants for the past week. It was only to-day, however, that the matter was officially settled and agreed upon to submit the boycott affair to the Chinese Minister at Washington.

COURSING AT INGLESDALE. Drawings for To-morrow's and Sunday's Events.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The drawing for the coursing at Ingleside on Saturday and Sunday resulted as follows:

First against Slyvianus, Forget-Me-Not against Mercury, Soprana against Count of Monte Cristo, Tessie Fair against Alma, Lady Napoleon against Redlight, Coralie against Johnny D., Sir Walter against Bendalong, Tom Bell against Lady Hoop, Black Patti against Mystery, Van Clow against Nelly B., Magic against Benicia Boy, Princess Marie against Fireball, Silkwood against Sweet Music, Valley Queen against Dawn, Nellie Daley against Blue Bell, Danger against Premier. At last against Chat, Ball of Moscow against Lightning, Gilt Edge against Glenroy, Kingston against Mohawk, Harkaway against Grasshopper, Carmody against Pat Malloy, Sir John Arnot against Brilliantine, Koo Lawn against The Turk, Von Traile against Vida Shaw, Little Dell against Van Nida.

Battleship Oregon. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Captain Charles E. Clark arrived from San Diego to-day to command the battleship Oregon. The vessel is ready for sea. The coaling for a long cruise was finished the night before last, and the vessel now has 1,600 tons of coal aboard. All the machinery and a full line of ammunition are in place. It is expected that the Oregon will start on her Valparaiso on Saturday, but it cannot be ascertained that positive orders for sailing have been received from Washington.

Look an Overdose of Morphine. LOS ANGELES, March 17.—Edward Sontag, bookkeeper for the Capitol Milling Company, this afternoon took an overdose of morphine with fatal result. It is a question whether Sontag knew at the time he took the drug that he was doing, whether he took it with suicidal intent, or whether his claim that it was an accident. Sontag was intoxicated when he took the drug. He leaves a widow and four children.

Effort to Exclude Indigents. VICTORIA (B. C.), March 17.—In the Legislature to-morrow the Provincial Secretary will move that the Lieutenant-Governor be asked to urge the Dominion Government to take steps to prevent sick and indigent persons, lunatics and criminals not British subjects, from emigrating to British Columbia, and to provide for such people who are British subjects that may land here.

Death of a Mill Superintendent. EUREKA, March 17.—James Dollar, the newly-appointed Superintendent of the Eureka Mill Company, died this morning of a stroke of la grippe. Dollar caught cold in the woods a few days ago, and his death was sudden and unexpected. His wife and two daughters arrived here yesterday from San Rafael, intending to make this city their home.

Believed That She Was Wrecked and Many of Her Crew Lost. CRESCENT CITY, March 17.—Two Indians bearing evidence of having suffered extreme hardship arrived in this port this evening in a frail canoe. They had been afloat for two days and nights without food, and exposed to the buffeting of wind and wave in the coldest storm of the season. The Indians belong to a British Columbia tribe, and the following account of their misfortunes was told through an interpreter:

The schooner Teresa left Nootka Sound, near Vancouver, B. C., about six weeks ago on a sealing expedition with a crew and sealing force of twenty-five men. Last Monday, when off the Oregon Coast, a few miles north of the mouth of Rogue River, the vessel cast anchor, and ten small boats, each manned by two or three men, started out in quest of seals. A sudden and violent storm coming up, the boat manned by these two Indians was unable to reach the schooner, and it was only by superior skill that they were able to keep their boat afloat.

They drifted down the coast, and effected a landing at Crescent City. The Indians believe that a number of those in the small boats have either foundered or been dashed to pieces on the rocky coast. They also believe that the Teresa has been wrecked, as the most of the crew were in the small boats when the storm struck them.

California and Oregon Lumber Co. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—An application was filed in the Superior Court to-day by the Oregon and California Lumber Company for leave to dissolve. The action was decided upon by the Board of Directors as being in the best interests of all concerned.

Blackman's Sentence Deferred. LOS ANGELES, March 17.—The sentencing of W. R. Blackman, convicted of the muzzling funds of the Los Angeles Lighting Company, was again deferred on account of an accident which befell Blackman while in jail. He is slowly recovering.

Earthquake at Highland Springs. HIGHLAND SPRINGS, March 17.—The sharpest earthquake which has been felt here for years was experienced to-day. The buildings were from west to east, and lasted fully a minute. No damage was done.

The Jury Disagreed. LOS ANGELES, March 17.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Church, who asks for \$15,000 of the Los Angeles Railway Company on account of injuries received disagreed to-day. It will be retried.

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THE WRECKED STEAMER CORONA.

Captain Goodall Gives the British Tug Lorne the Slip.

The Affair May Result in Serious International Complications.

Farmers in the San Joaquin Valley Rejoice Over a Heavy Fall of Rain—Apricot, Cherry, Peach and Almond Crop Practically Ruined by Frost in the Vicinity of Chico.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 17.—The tug Lorne arrived here this afternoon, and says the wrecked steamer Corona, which was ordered to come to Victoria and report, and which she was towing here, gave her the slip this morning, and proceeded to Port Townsend. They were met by the United States steamer Perry last night, and some communication passed between the Corona and the revenue cutter, the Perry after the Corona left the Lorne she was picked up by the tug Pioneer. The Corona was in neutral waters when she left the Lorne. Serious complications may result from the interference of the Perry, which is said to have received orders from the United States Treasury Department to tell Captain Goodall that he need not call at Victoria.

FARMERS' JUBILANT.

Rain Does Great Good in the San Joaquin Valley.

STOCKTON, March 17.—Special telephone messages to the "Mail" from all over San Joaquin County and from points in Merced, Stanislaus and Sacramento counties, indicate that the rain of last night has been pretty general throughout the San Joaquin valley. From nearly every point the report comes that the rain has been a great blessing, but that showers occasionally will be needed to insure first-class grain crops. The outlook on the whole, however, is good, and farmers are jubilant. It is said to have received the usual showers which come in April and the fore part of May will keep the soil sufficiently irrigated to assure the largest grain crop for some years in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and the northern part of Merced counties. The report comes that on the west side of Modesto there was an inch and a half of rain, with 0.63 of an inch at Farmington, 0.61 at Montpelier, with half an inch of snow and nearly an inch of rain at Linden, and all the way from the mouth of the river to the other end of the valley. In Stockton the rainfall for this storm was 0.53 of an inch.

CHICO, March 17.—There was a severe frost here this morning, as a result of which the apricot, cherry, peach and almond crops are practically ruined. As yet it is impossible to estimate the extent of the damage. It is thought that the prune crop escaped with slight damage. At 4 o'clock this morning the temperature fell to 26 degrees. T. L. Bohlander, manager of the Rancho Chico orchards, said to-day: "Our almond, peach, apricot and cherry crops were almost if not entirely destroyed by this morning's frost. If we escape this frost I believe we will have a fair prune crop. The grain crop looks very promising."

REDDING, March 17.—The recent cold spell has as yet had no material effect on the apple crop, although the frosts are still feared by orchard men. The snow is lower in the foothills than at previous times this winter.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 17.—Reports coming in from different directions indicate that the apricot crop in many sections has been ruined by frost. The young fruit turning black throughout the whole orchards. This morning was the third in the past six days when the temperature went below the freezing point in exposed sections.

SCHOONER TERESA.

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"The Nonpareil" EXTRAORDINARY Sale of Fine Shoes

The commencement of our Shoe Sale, announced for yesterday, saw SEVERAL HUNDRED DELIGHTED WOMEN pass from our Shoe Store, and they took away with them perhaps half of those values advertised yesterday morning. How could they help being pleased—a saving of two-thirds in most instances, and seeing the quality and shapes with only 98c, \$1 10 and \$1 95 to pay for them, when some had similar shoes on their feet which they had lately paid \$2 50, \$3 and \$5 for. To what remains of those items we shall add more and some children's goods, and to those who could not get in and get served yesterday, we say come to-day—the same prices prevail.

DON'T DELAY ANOTHER DAY—BUT COME.

Women's Shoes. \$1 45 instead of \$3 50. Ladies' Fine Chrome Kid Lace Oxfords, dark wine shade, cloth top to match, coin toe; sold everywhere as high as \$3 and \$3 50 pair. Special, \$1 45.

Children's and Misses' Shoes. 95c instead of \$1 50. One line of Children's and Misses' Black Viet Kid Lace Shoes, narrow coin toe, patent leather tip; any size; \$ to 11, or 1 1/2 to 2; worth \$1 50 and \$1 75 pair. Special, 95c pair.

\$2 95 instead of \$5. One small lot of Ladies' Best Chrome Kid Lace Shoes, hand turned, dark wine shade, cloth top to match, L. XV, heels; sold everywhere at \$5 pair; all sizes. Special, \$2 95 pair.

\$2 45 instead of \$5. A short line of Ladies' Best Chrome Kid Lace Hand Turned Shoes, dark wine shade, cloth top to match; regular \$5 value; \$2 45.

\$1 95 instead of \$3 50. Ladies' Best Chrome Kid Oxfords, handsome low cut shoes, L. XV, heels, narrow coin toes, cloth tops; all sizes. Now \$1 95.

\$1 95 instead of \$3 50. One line of Misses' Chrome Tanned Kid Shoes, in neat wine shades, button or lace; worth \$1 75. Special, 95c.

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COAST AND EASTERN RACES.

FAVORITES SPLIT EVEN AT OAKLAND.

Senator Bland Captures the St Patrick's Day Handicap in 2:07 Flat.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—At the Oakland track to-day the St. Patrick's Day handicap at a mile and a quarter, was captured by Senator Bland, who was played from 3 1/2 to 1 down to 11 to 5, and with Sloan up at 115 pounds made all the running and won hands down in 2:07 flat. Judge Denny, who, coupled with Lincoln II, held sway in the betting, took the place in a drive from Flashlight. The favorites in the betting broke about even, winning three of the six events run. The weather was pleasant and the track lightning fast. Results:

More Goldseekers Sail. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—With her decks crowded with gold seekers and a small cargo of dogs of all kinds in her hold, the steamer Walla Walla sailed this morning for Seattle. She carried over 400 passengers. About one-third of these are going direct to the Alaskan gold fields. The others are mostly persons desiring to take advantage of the low rates offered by the northern railroads to Eastern points.

Child Drowned. MERCED, March 17.—Charles Acres, the 5-year-old son of Edwin Acres of this city, while playing along the banks of Bear Creek near town this afternoon, accidentally fell into the water and was drowned.

Rich Strike at French Gulch. REDDING, March 17.—Messrs reports were received here to-night of the striking of a \$20,000 pocket by Wm. Belgrave in the Washington mine at French Gulch, twenty-two miles from here.

In Cases of Croup. A standard medical authority says that the first thing to do for the child is to put his feet into as hot mustard water as he can bear, and be sure that the room is very warm. If possible put him into a hot bath, and then quickly drying him, put him to bed between blankets. Even before putting him in bed give him syrup of ipecac in teaspoonful doses until he vomits. For external applications take two tablespoonfuls of turpentine and four of sweet oil, or lard oil, mix well, and rub thoroughly on the outside of the throat. Saturate a flannel and lay it over the chest and throat. Hot bricks, or hot bottles of hot water, should be placed at the child's feet and at the sides of his body to induce perspiration. Keep him carefully covered. After the vomiting the bowels must be kept open with syrup of squills. The best drink for the child is slippery elm water. Give plenty of nourishment to keep up the strength.—Philadelphia Times.

A Bit of Royal Humor. When in the country the Princess of Wales delights in making little expeditions incognito. An amusing and true story has just leaked out about one of these impromptu excursions at Sandringham. Her royal highness, with two of these princesses, had driven a long distance from home in her favorite pony cart, and as each drew near they were glad to put up at a picturesque village inn. The landlord had his suspicions as to who his guests were, and after lunch had been served brought the visitors' book. Whereupon the Princess, not to be outdone, made the following entry: "Mrs. Wales and two daughters."—New York Herald.

Dear Thing! "Pshaw," he said, "that's nothing. Why, when I was a boy I fell out of a third-story window and struck right on my head, and of course it hurt me some at the time, but I got over it all right."

"How do you know you got over it all right?" his wife asked. "It's barely possible that you would have had ordinary good sense if that hadn't happened to you."—Cleveland Leader.